

# ***Narragansett Police Department***

**40 Caswell Street, Narragansett, RI 02882**

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## **JURISDICTION & MUTUAL AID (110.01)**

### **01 Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide professional law enforcement services to the citizens of the Town of Narragansett. This policy establishes the jurisdictional boundaries by which this service will be performed, to include requests for mutual aid from municipal, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in the event of natural disasters, mass disorders, and other emergency situations.

### **02 Policy**

It is the policy of the Narragansett Police Department that all department members adhere to the guidelines set forth herein regarding limits of authority and arrest. Furthermore, in order to promote safety and the most efficient operations in both on-duty and off-duty arrest situations, it is the policy of this department to determine and regulate those situations and locations within which a sworn member is permitted to make an on-duty or off-duty arrest.

### **03 Definitions**

An Emergency Situation: An actual or potential condition that poses an immediate threat to life or property. In the context of mutual aid, it means any situation that exceeds the capability of an agency to counteract a potentially explosive situation.

Mutual Aid: The exchange of services, personnel and/or equipment between law enforcement agencies during times of emergency.

Mutual Assistance: The limited exchange of services, personnel and/or equipment between law enforcement agencies during routine law enforcement activities, i.e., a request for assistance to direct traffic at an accident scene or a request for back up on a domestic dispute complaint. "The Emergency Police Powers" set forth in R.I.G.L. 45-42-1, will apply.

Nonemergency Police Power: The Chief of Police may request assistance in a non-emergency situation from a neighboring jurisdiction for all those police services prescribed by law with a valid "Non-Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement", consistent with RIGL 45-42-2.

Concurrent: Will mean having equal jurisdiction or authority.

## 04 Procedures

### A. Jurisdiction

1. The Narragansett Police Department and the Rhode Island State Police have concurrent jurisdiction, detection and suppression, as well as traffic control and safety on the highways within the boundaries of the Town of Narragansett.
2. This department will respond to all requests for service within our jurisdiction. Should any member(s) of the Rhode Island State Police be on the scene of an accident or other occurrence, the Narragansett Police Department will provide any assistance necessary to the member(s) of the Rhode Island State Police.
3. Should assistance from other jurisdictions be necessary, they will be contacted either by landline or via inter-City/Town radio network.
4. Whenever this agency takes the initial report, we will be responsible for conducting a thorough investigation, including prosecution of the offender if warranted.

### B. Geographic Boundaries

1. The Town of Narragansett is bordered by the following Cities and Towns:
  - a. South Kingstown, R.I.
  - b. North Kingstown, R.I.

### C. Mutual Aid

1. Requests for mutual aid from outside law enforcement agencies.
  - a. When officers respond for mutual aid to outside departments, Narragansett Police officers will follow the policy, procedures, rules, and regulations of the Narragansett Police Department.
  - b. In the event that several officers are needed for mutual aid, the ranking Narragansett officer will be in charge. Any orders given by the outside agency to members of this department will be delegated through the ranking Narragansett officer at the scene.
    - i. Routine requests, i.e., alarms, domestic disturbances, traffic assistance.
    - ii. Special requests, i.e., demonstrations, special events, civil disturbances. The procedures as set forth in the civil disturbance plan of action will apply.
    - iii. Temporary requests, i.e., special investigations, narcotic investigations, etc.
  - c. The Chief of Police, after having received a request for mutual aid from any other jurisdiction, may assign a member or members of the department to this department.
  - d. The procedures outlined in this policy pertaining to requests for mutual aid are not applicable to the temporary requests for mutual assistance between local law enforcement agencies.
2. Requests for mutual aid from federal law enforcement agencies.

- a. The Chief of Police of the Narragansett Police Department, after receiving a request for mutual aid from any federal law enforcement agency, may direct and/or assign a member or members of the department to provide the requested assistance to that federal law enforcement agency.
3. Requests for mutual aid initiated by the Narragansett Police Department.
  - a. In the event of an emergency situation, the Narragansett police may request mutual aid from any municipal or federal agency. This request, when authorized by the Chief of Police, will be made by the Chief of Police, or designee, to the chief executive officer of the agency to which the request is being made.
  - b. In the event outside agencies and personnel requested for mutual aid, this department will be responsible for the deployment and actions of those respective members, who subsequently respond to provide assistance to this agency.
  - c. An emergency situation in which the department requires the assistance of the Rhode Island National Guard, the Chief of Police, or designee, will request such aid from the Governor or designee.
  - d. In all cases where the Narragansett police has sought mutual aid, the following will apply:
    - Arrestees will be processed under the direction of the Narragansett police.
    - Prisoners will be transported under the direction of the Narragansett police. Vehicles for this purpose may be provided by outside agencies.
    - Temporary detention facilities will be operated under the direction of the Narragansett police.
    - Radio communications will be coordinated by the Narragansett police department.
    - The identity of the ranking authority from the Narragansett police, who is at the scene and requesting mutual aid, will be made known to the commanding officer of the agency providing assistance.
    - It will be the responsibility of the Officer-in-Charge to obtain estimates of aid and resources available from provider agencies.
    - When appropriate, expenditures, if any, will be borne by the receiver agency to compensate for the use of the provider's agency's resources.

#### D. Mutual Aid Agreements

1. The conditions under which the mutual aid agreements may be initiated will be determined by the provisions of the signed mutual agreement consistent with RIGL 45-42-2.
2. Prior to the implementation of a mutual aid agreement all sworn personnel will receive training on their provisions and limitations. On an annual basis all mutual aid agreements the department is party to will be reviewed with all sworn personnel.
3. The Chief of Police, or his/her designee, will annually review all mutual aid agreements the department is party to. Concern is drawn to the legal status of the agreement (s) as well as current information of the provider agency.
4. Mutual aid agreements will be re-affirmed on the three year anniversary of the last re-affirmation.

By Order Of:

Chief of Police